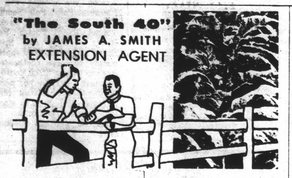

Come spring and many home owners begin throwing fertilizer to their lawns. Every year a few more begin the practice of fall fertilization.

The problem is what should be done if the lawn was not fertilized in the fall. If the grass is growing slowly and is pale green color, apply fertilizer at a rate that supplies approximately ½ lb. but not more than ¾ lb. of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, preferably after there has been enough warm days to give an idea of how the grass is growing.

Research at Virginia Tech has shown repeatedly that excessive amounts of spring applied nitrogen over-stimulates the grass causing fast growth rate and excessive top growth. This depletes reserve food supplies, resulting in weaker turf which is more susceptible to damage from summer stresses as well as injury from disease and insect attacks.

Applying fertilizer in the fall is one of the most important cultural practices home owners can follow. If you did apply fertilizer last fall, lawns should not be re-fertilized until next fall.

One home owner recently reported that their home is electrically heated. During the winter of 1975-76 they used a fireplace and electric heat. This past winter they closed off the fireplace and even with a much colder winter they used fewer kilowatt hours. This is further proof that fireplaces are not compatible with efficient use of electric heat.

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Even though spring is approaching you'll want to weather strip around the doors and windows if needed. One loose 3' x 5' window can lose as much heat as 100 sq. ft. of uninsulated wall. In a well insulated house the largest heat loss is from air leaks.

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Big balers and large packaging of hay continue to gain in popularity. Large round balers have approximately 40% of the present U. S. baler market.

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Moldboard plows continue to increase in national sales. Their use continues to produce the highest and most consistant yields for most farmers under widely varied conditions.

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As many found out this year's frost line was deeper. For this area we are recommending that pipes be buried at least 24" deep.

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Fire occurs when we least expect it, so be prepared. Tractors and combines should be equipped with 6 pound (2A:10B:C) extinguisher, shop should have 2A:30B:C or larger. Keep all extinguishers charged.

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The experts tell us that for eye safety contact lens should not be worn around arc welding operations and any dust, grit, chips, etc. producing tasks.

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Soil compaction is often created by operating heavy machines on wet or moist soils. One trip with a heavy tractor will compact loose soil to approximately 80% of all the compaction that will ever occur.

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The simple box type woodburning stoves have low efficiency and produce more creosote in flues. Down-draft and air-tight base-burning types are more efficient. The October 1976 issue of **Popular Science** has a good discussion on woodburning stoves and lists manufacturers.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.33
This Month	2.86
This Year	5.64

TAKE A NASTURTIUM TO LUNCH

Nasturtium blossom of the "single" type

Few people can say the word "nasturtium" without smiling because it is an endearing little flower. Long stemmed, faintly fragrant, brilliantly colorful, nasturtiums rank number four in popularity polls. Perhaps, if more gardeners knew that nasturtiums really are good to eat, they would rate even higher.

Nasturtiums are members of the same plant family as a number of leafy vegetables including cress and mustard greens. Buds and flowers are tender and piquant, perfectly safe to eat in salads.

If eating nasturtiums doesn't appeal to you, then grow them to arrange, wear in lapels, or enjoy in the landscape. White, red, cherry, orange, mahogany, gold and yellow separate colors and excellent color mixtures are available from seed displays; mail order catalogs also offer varieties with variegated foliage or extra dwarf plants.

Nasturtiums are customarily spring-planted in warm soil. The seeds are very large and sprout rapidly; blooms appear within 45 to 50 days.

The old adage about nasturtiums preferring poor soil is true; too much water and fertilizer makes them excessively leafy. In hot climates, the plants will survive longer if planted in locations that receive afternoon shade . . . elsewhere, full sun is preferable.

Aphids (plant lice) can be a problem on the undersides of leaves. Shredded tobacco scattered on the soil will serve as a deterrent, or nicotine sulphate sprays.

District Garden Club Meeting

The spring meeting of the South Central District Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will be held at the Kinderton Country Club in Clarksville on Thursday, March 31.

Mrs. Charles T. Moses, Jr. of Appomattox, district president, will preside at the meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Arrangements of the top awards in the artistic division of a Standard Flower Show will be made and discussed by Mrs. W. Nolen Guill of Halifax, Mrs. Frank Brown of Forest, and Mrs. A. B. Adams of Farmville for the program in the afternoon. There will also be a display of daffodils by club members.

The Clarksville Community Players will provide entertainment during the meeting which will be preceded by a coffee at 9:30 a.m. hosted by the Twin Rivers Garden Club of Clarksville.

An electin of officers for 1977-1979 will be held at the morning business session.

Mrs. L. Goode Toone will serve as general chairman for the day and seving with her as co-chairmen will be Mrs. Roy Hill and Jerome A. M. Price.

Members from the Appomattox Garden Club who will be attending other than Mrs. Moses are Mrs. Reid Shields, Miss Edith O'Brien, and Mrs. Howlette Martin. Also Dr. Mae Kelly of the Concord Garden Club.

Federal Crop Insurance Has New Protection Level

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, is accepting applications for "All-Risk" insurance on tobacco for 1977 in Appomattox, Campbell, and Charlotte counties, it is announced by J. Howard Conyers, District Sales Supervisor for this area. Flue-cured tobacco growers in these counties will have their 1977 crops protected by this insurance at a new high level.

"This is the most significant improvement in the history of FCIC for tobacco growers," Conyers said. "This new level is 13 percent above last year's, and we are offering it at no increase in the premium rate per $100 on insurance.

Federal Crop Insurance has been offered to farmers in Appomattox, Campbell, and Charlotte counties since the early "Fifties." It protects a farmer against disease, drought, excessive rain, fire, hail, wind, frost, freeze, hurricane, tornado, flood, and any unavoidable cause of loss due to adverse weather conditions. The tobacco is covered from the time it is set in the field until it is weighed in at the warehouse.

The "All-Risk" FCIC insurance plan guarantee a tobacco grower an established level of crop production. When crop production falls short of that guarantee due to natural hazard, Federal Crop Insurance picks up the tab, paying a cash indemnity sufficient to meet the guarantee, it was stated.

Conyers pointed out that Appomattox, Campbell and Charlotte tobacco growers already holding contracts with FCIC are not required to do anything to obtain this new level of protection on their crop investments; it will be added automatically. Farmers who are not already included under the program are urged to look into this protection because funds for administering this service are declared limited.

More detailed information on premiums, amounts of coverage and other information are available from the county agent. W. A. Trent is agent for Federal Crop Insurance for Appomattox, Campbell and Charlotte counties. His office is located at his home at Red House, Va. Telephone 248-5343.

NEW OPERATORS FOR SEARS CATALOG STORE

Calvin and Janice Smith, shown above, residents of Vera, have taken over the operation of Sears Catalog Store in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center. Welcoming them to the store is Perry Duncan, former merchant of the store.

Mr. Duncan, who originally opened the store in November of 1972, has assumed the operation of the Sears Catalog Store in Altavista.

The Smiths are no strangers to this area as they both have been active in the business and social life of Appomattox. They look forward to serving Sears customers in the Appomattox trading area, and they extend you an invitation to visit them soon.

MUSICAL COMMUNION SERVICE SET FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

"Thé Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord" by William Billings, Part I will be performed on Thurs., April 7 at 8:15 p.m. as part of the Holy Week observance planned at the Appomattox C. H. Presbyterian Church. The church choir, under the direction of Karen Gibson, will sing selections taken from the scriptures and will be assisted by Mr. Thomas Matthews, narrating from the scriptures.

This service will conclude with the sacrament of Holy Commnion open to all professing Christians. The Rev. Millard Stimspon, former pastor of the church, and now serving Brookneal Presbyterian Church will officiate for the late Rev. Cecil V. Dalton. The public is invited to this inspiring service.

ACHS Senior Accepted At Chowan

MURFREESBORO N.C. Thomas Mackie Wingfield, of Appomattox, Va. and a senior at Appomattox County High School has been accepted by Chowan College for the fall semester beginning August 21, 1977. Thomas will be enrolled in the pre-education curriculum receive the associate degree, transfer to a senior institution without loss of credit and continue in studies which lead to the B.S. degree and teacher of certification.

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BROWNIES OF TROOP 308 VISIT PIZZA HUT

Brownie Troop 308 paid a visit to the recently opened Pizza hut on March 22. The Brownies watched their pizzas being prepared and then got to sample the delicious finished product. As an added treat, each child received a free souvenir and puppet and balloon to carry home. Many thanks from our troop to the fine folks at the Pizza Hut for their very courteous reception. Everyone had such an enjoyable visit that we agreed that we would like to visit again soon! The Brownies also want to thank Mrs. Debbie Knight for taking time out to take this picture of our Brownies. Accompanying the troop are the leaders, Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Thelma Knight, Mrs. Nancy Mayberry, and Mrs. Barbara Mayberry; and Mrs. Louise Layne, Mrs. Margaret Lockner, Mrs. Pearl Lockner, Mrs. Anne Kerr and Mrs. Brenda Vassar.

SACS VISITING COMMITTEE IS WELCOMED TO APPOMATTOX COUNTY SCHOOLS

During this week a group of educators are visiting in our county elementary schools. These professionals represent various backgrounds from throughout the state of Virginia. Pictured above is the visiting team of the Appomattox Primary School. Seated above is the visiting team of the Appomattox Primary School. Seated left to right are: Mrs. Eunice Easley, Speical Education Teacher, Pittsylvania County; Mrs. Lucy Brinkley, Kindergarten Teacher, Chatham; Mrs. Katherine Lincoln, General Supervisor, Nelson County; Mrs. Sara Shackelford, Primary Teacher, Bedford; Mrs. Shirley Dingledine, Primary Teacher, Augusta County; and Mr. Doyle Bryson, Chairperson and Principal from Washington-Coleman Elementary of South Boston.

STONEWALL

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer. John 16:33

Mr. David Mitchell was home from Bluefield College for the week-end.

The week-end revival was held at Hebron with a fine preacher, Dr. D. M. Aldridge.

Mr. Edward Davidson was a week-end visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson. Also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Nixon and Linda of Lyncuburg visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris are starting on their new home now at Mrs. Nina Caldwells'. So nice to have some young folks in the neighborhood. So a big welcome to them.

Mrs. Elsie Krantz and Mrs. Susie Krantz visited Mrs. Carolyn Nelson last week, due to her being sick. So glad to report she was able to come to church Sunday.

Mrs. Hop Elliott will enter Duke Hospital on April 1 for heart treatment. Do hope she will be greatly benefited.

Mr. Hubert Scruggs remains about the same. His sister Mrs. Helen Straton spent the week-end with him.

Mr. Osborne Davidson is doing real well since the weather is getting so nice and warm.

Mr. and Mrs.Tom Christian of Covington are visiting Mrs. Monroe Dyess and her brother and sister Mrs. Elsie Thornhill. So very glad to have them at church Sunday.

Mr. Johnny Harrison's condition remains about the same.

Mr. Andrew Elliott is sick.

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Friends Of Library Held March Meeting

The Friends of the Library held their bi-monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 21, at the Appomattox County Library. Mrs. Edith Nash, president, presided. Mrs. Anne Robinson, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. The slate of officers for the coming year was read: Mrs. Nash, president; Mrs. Lucille Farrar, vice president; Mrs. Robinson, secretary; Mrs. Alice Folks, treasurer; Mrs. Minerva Kepler, historian. Mrs. Virginia Tyler was appointed reporter.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Kepler for the attractive wildlife exhibit which she has made and which is now on display in the library.

The drop-box for the return of books has been completed, and is now ready to be installed in place.

The needs and goals of the library were discussed. The library needs more books. It needs to have many of its books repaired or rebound. If it can be arranged, we would like to have the library open longer hours, so working people throughout the county may have access to its use.

If it is possible, we would like to have a full-time librarian, so cataloging, recording, etc., may be kept up to date.

The library needs help and support. We hope all who are interested will come to our next meeting, which is to be held Monday evening, May 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Appomattox County Library.

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Virginia B. Tyler, Reporter

He has a slipped disc in his back and has been home from work for 10 days.

Photo by Joe Vaughan

NO GREATER LOVE TO BE PRESENTED AT LIBERTY

The Sanctuary Choir and Drama Cast of Liberty Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan accompanied by Mrs. Maymond Mitchell at the piano and guest organist, Jay Kelly, will present a drama cantata entitled "No Greater Love" by John Peterson on Sunday evening, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. The cast will be dressed in Biblical robes as they assist the choir in presenting the Easter message. The greatest single fact in all human history is Calvary, where God's "no greater love" for mankind was profoundly and eloquently expressed in the vicarious death of His Son.

Area residents are cordially invited to worship with the congregation at Liberty for the proclaiming message of "No Greater Love."

Choir members are Patsy Moore, Hilda Guill, Peggy Marshall, Virginia Martin, Nancy Grishaw, Mary Ellen Chandler, Ann Davis, Lucille Ferrell, Beulah Jamerson, Bettie Magann, Nancy Hall, Pam Chenault, Sharon Chauncey, Nancy Dawson, Gloria Richardson, Connie Marshall, Lois Williams, Betsy Smith, Nina Beasley, Betty Rhodenizer, Patsy Hughes, Betsy Jamerson, Franklin Vaughan, Dave White, Ben Marshall, Steve Marshall, Freddie Grishaw, Rand Hall, Wayne Lee, Floyd Coleman, Kenneth Jamerson, Tom Ranson, John Hall, J. D. Martin, Rod Jamerson, and Travis Poole, guest.

The drama cast members are Patsy Butler, Sharon White, Dean Martin, Johnny Canada, Bob Hart, Mary Katherine Whitehead, Ronnie Campbell, Linda Jo Mays, Arlene Stratton, Perry McCraw, Barbara Williams, James Beaty, Joanie Canada, Ed Jamerson, Vickie Canada, Mark Marshall, James Whitehead, Floyd Williams, Kenneth Richardson and Pat Davis.

BURNETT MOTOR SALES TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Thomas R. Burnette and his son and business partner, Tim, invite you to an Open House on Saturday, April 2, 1977 at their place of business, located at 2022 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Tom, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette was born and reared in Appomattox County. He was educated in the Appomattox County Schools and after graduation went to work for Moses Motor Co. After working with Moses from 1945 until 1970, he left to begin operation of Burnette Motor Sales in Concord, Va.; he remained here until October of 1976 when he moved his operation to the present location.

Tom joined the Virginia Independent Auto Dealers Association in February of 1973, became a charter member and the first vice president of the Western Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association which is district #6 of VIADA. He was elected president of VIADA in September of 1976. He is also charter member of the Spark Plug and the Golden Wheel at the state level and is charter member of the Generator X Club at the National Level.

Tim, a 1974 graduate of Appomattox County High School joined his father in business after attending Central Virginia Community College.

Tom and Tim will offer you refreshments on Saturday, give away free records, albums, and a grand prize. There will also be on-the-lot broadcasting from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

April 4 - Barbecue on Bun - Buttered Corn - Cole Slaw - Apple Cobbler - Milk.

April 5 - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce - Cheese Strips - Tossed Salad - Hot Rols - Fruit Cocktail - Cookies - Milk.

April 6 - Hot Dogs on Bun w/Chili, French Fries, Cole Slaw

April 7 - Sliced Turkey - Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy - Greenbeans - Hot Rolls - Pear Halves - Milk.

April 8 - Bologna/Cheese Sandwich, Sliced Tomatoes, Pear & Carrots, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

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